## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

JOSEPHINE MARIE CORDOVA,

Plaintiff,

v. No. CIV-13-0709 LAM

**CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Acting Commissioner** of the Social Security Administration,

Defendant.

## ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Plaintiff's *Unopposed Motion for Attorney Fees*Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, With Memorandum in Support (Doc. 35) in the amount of \$5,438.90 for attorney fees, filed on June 3, 2015. Having considered the motion, the record in this case, and relevant law, the Court FINDS that Plaintiff's motion is well-taken and shall be GRANTED.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Attorney Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, With Memorandum in Support (Doc. 35) is GRANTED, and Plaintiff is authorized to receive \$5,438.90 for payment to Plaintiff's attorney for services before this Court, as permitted by the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. \$ 2412, and in accordance with Manning v. Astrue, 510 F.3d 1246, 1255 (10th Cir. 2007).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if Plaintiff's counsel is ultimately granted attorney fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) of the Social Security Act, Plaintiff's attorney shall refund the smaller award to Plaintiff pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 596 n.4 (2010) (explaining

that, if a claimant's counsel is ultimately granted attorney fees under § 406(b) out of the claimant's benefit award, the claimant's attorney must refund to the claimant the amount of the smaller fee).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

OURDES A. MARTÍNEZ

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**Presiding by Consent**